post i.e. Store Keeper in 1986 was genuine;

(b) whether he has not so far been promoted as per the legal advice and his good service record and on the other hand six store-keeper juniors to him have recently been promoted to the post of Chief Store Keepers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) No, Sir. the promotion/reversion of the employees is done in accordance with the prescribed service regulations. No legal advice is required in such matters. No person junior to the employees of Scheduled Caste Community has been promoted.

Denial of promotions to Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

3756. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers have again been denied promotion/selection grades on the plea that their ACRS are not available/traceable;

(b) if so, what are the details of such teachers in respect of whom promotions have been ordered this year, categorywise; and

(c) what action the Sangathan proposes to take against erring Principals/Asstt. Commissioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Out of the 67 cases kept pending in 1985-86 for want of ACRs, 65 cases have been cleared and promotions offered as per details given below:—

Categories of cases	No. of cases pending	No. of cases cleared
(i) From PRT to TGT	51	49
(ii) TGT to PGT	7	7
(iii) PGT to Vice Principal	9	9
	67	65

In respect of the remaining two cases, the exact position is being ascertained.

Further, 3 cases of PGTs pending for grant of Selection Grade in 1985 were also cleared in 1986.

Pay parity of the Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic doctors with Allopathic in C. G. H. S.

3757. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Pay Commission has recommended parity in pay and allowances to the Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Medical Officers and Physicians with their counterparts in Allopathic system in the Central Health Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the scales of pay and allowances recommended for different categories of physicians; and

(c) whether the requisite notifications for provision of scales for Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Physicians have since been issued; if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Fourth Pay Commission, have recommended that the degree holders in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Systems of Medicine should have the same pay scales i.e. Rs. 2200-4000 as recommended for

M.B.B.S. doctors under the Central Health Service. Further, the method of recruitment of I.S.M./Homoeopathe degree physicians should be brought on the Central Health Service pattern. The matter is under consideration of the Government. No definite date for the issue of notification can be given at this stage as the matter requires examination by different Ministries.

Installation of Mechnical unloading at Chochin Port

3758. SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mechanical unloader on trial has been installed in Q. 10 Cochin Port Trust for unloading Cargo F.A.C.T. Cochin and if so, whether the mechanisation would result in deployment of manual labour;

(b) whether Government have assessed the loss of levy and loss of wages to the labourers due to the mechanisation and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide alternative employment to those who are likely to be thrown out of employment due to the new proposal; and

(d) what is the total investment for the installation of unloader and consequent savings to F.A.C.T.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The mechanical unloader has been installed at Q 10 for unloading FACT cargo at Cochin. Its trial runs commenced from November 1986 and deployment of manual labour is not involved.

(b) Loss of levy to the Cochin DLB on account of commissioning of mechancial unloader is estimated to be Rs. 51.58 lakhs per annum, on the basis of imports made by M/s F.A.C.T. through Cochin in 1986. The total amount of wages paid to the workers engaged in this work through the Dock Labour Board during the year 1986 amounted to Rs. 30.48 lakhs.

(c) No person on the rolls of the Cochin Port Trust or Cochin Dock Labour Board will be out of employment as a result of the operation of the mechanical unloader. However, casual workers, who are being occasionally employed will no longer be required. There will be under-employment of some stevedore dock workers of Cochin DLB. However on 28-7-1987, a settlement was reached between the Dock Labour Board and the Labour Unions of Cochin for payment of compensation to the concerned workmen.

(d) A total amount of Rs. 7.5 crore has been invested by FACT for installing the ship unloader at Cochin. This resultant saving to FACT will be in the form of wages to the labour, levy to the DLB, wages to other categories of non-DLB-labour, saving demurrage and gain by way of despatch money.

Shoranur Railway Junction

3759. SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the railway authorities that a dharna was observed by over 500 people before the Shornurganj (Shoranur) railway junction protesting against the neglect of the station by the railway authorities;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) About 140 people participated in a Dharna in front of Shoranur Junction Station on 21-5-87 but this was not